



Bridging the gap between home and school

09/09/2014

Business Meeting

Attendees: April Noble, Linnea Clary, Monique Deforge, Erin Dickson, Sara Fell, Alli Geller, Julie Sprague, Peter Dutton, Sharon Trafton, Christy Witham, Allison Woodman, Dawn Belliveau, Jennifer Kumin, Rachael Conte, Marketa Zietala, Debbie Moores, Rosalie Badders, Ashley Camive, Jen Ring, Crystal McKenna, Allyssa Ellis

Meeting Notes:

1. Background – Monique gave an overview of the VPG and 2013/14 Accomplishments:

- Raised ~12k last year for VES last school year. The primary fundraisers during the last school year were: Meadow Farms (wrapping paper / goods), Craft Fair at VES (community event), KidsCreation (kids artwork), and boxtops.
- A few examples of things funded in the 2013/14 school year include: smartboards for 1st grade (2), leveled books for Kindergarten, TIGER anti-bullying assembly, family fun events, babysitting for school events (i.e. back to school and conferences), and art class supplies. The goal is to keep the money at VES.
- The VPG also continues to fund the Green Team through the box top collections. The initial funding for the Green Team was provided through funds from an e-waste event in 2011/12.
- VPG Board Positions are 2 year terms.

2. Open Positions – Elections took place during the meeting

- President: Erin Dickson (previously Vice President in 2013/14 – will finish her 2 year term with 1 year as President)
- Vice President: Debbie Moores
- Treasurer: Rachael Conte
- Family Fun Coordinators: Jen Kumin, Dawn Belliveau and Allyssa Ellis
- Recycling Team: Crystal McKenna, Jen Ring, Marketa Zietala
- Box Tops: Christy Witham
- School Store: Hillary Fitzgerald, Marketa Zietala, Pam Newcombe

3. Craft Fair – Sarah Patch has led this event for many years and is looking to pass on the leadership

- Christy Witham and Debbie Moores volunteered to help lead the event.
- This is a successful, fun, community event and the tasks can be divided among several people. There was agreement that we can divide the work and continue this great success.
- December 6th is the date for this year. Planning will begin at the October VPG meeting.

4. Meeting Day/Time for 2014/15

- **Agreed to change to the FIRST Tuesday of each month – 9:15AM – VES Cafeteria**

5. Green Team – Alli Geller and Jen Ring will continue their leadership.

- Composting during lunch – Debbie Moores is working with team to improve visual communications with the students. Volunteer support during lunch to help with composting and also to rinse juice pouches is appreciated.
- **Recycling in the school lobby – battery recycling no longer available. Look at other Terracycle streams available. Recycling Team to look at possibilities.**

6. Treasures Report

- Funding Requests
 - i. \$121 for 2 classrooms for recycled plates, cups, silverware for parties – Approved
- **\$1000 will be moved to the VPG savings account (\$7.1K total) – Sara to move funds**
- Allocation of funding will remain: 55% Student Support, 20% Staff Support, 10% Community Building, 5% miscellaneous

7. Communication

- Continue to have VPG updates in the Village Voice – monthly VES newsletter
- VPG events communicated in VES flyer on Wednesdays (flyers to April by Tuesday for publishing)
- VPG email: vespg@yorkschoools.org
- VPG website: <http://villageparentgroup.weebly.com>
 - i. **Update website with new board members (Julie Sprague by next meeting)**
- Email notes, meeting reminders, etc. to the distribution list